GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2433
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS
Patil Shri Shriniwas Dadasaheb

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The total length of Railway line (in kms) in the country;

(b) The total length of Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D routes and the maximum speed allowed on these tracks respectively;

(c) The load allowed in tonnes to be carried on Class A, B, C and D respectively; and

(d) The steps taken by the Government for upgradation of railway tracks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2433 BY SHRI SHRINIVAS DADASAHEB PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.08.2006 REGARDING UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY TRACKS.

(a)The total length of railway line (route kilometres) in the country as on 31.03.2005 (latest available) is 63,465 kilometres.

(b)The total length and maximum speed allowed on Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D routes are as under:

Class	Route length in kms. as on 31.03.2005 (latest available)	Maximum speed allowed
A	6774	Speeds upto 160 kmph
B	9184	Speeds upto 130 kmph
C	863	Suburban sections of Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai.
D	11664	100 kmph

However, running of trains at the maximum permissible speed requires various improvements to track structure, signalling, manning of level crossings, fencing of tracks etc.

(c)There are no separate prescribed norms in regard to load allowed on the different classes of routes such as A,B,C,D etc.

(d)Inspection and maintenance of track is a continuous process. Track renewals are carried out as and when the track becomes due for renewal on age cum condition basis and subject to availability of funds. Track structure is upgraded during renewal, depending on the class of route, annual traffic density and the traffic needs such as permitting higher axle load, running high-speed trains, etc.